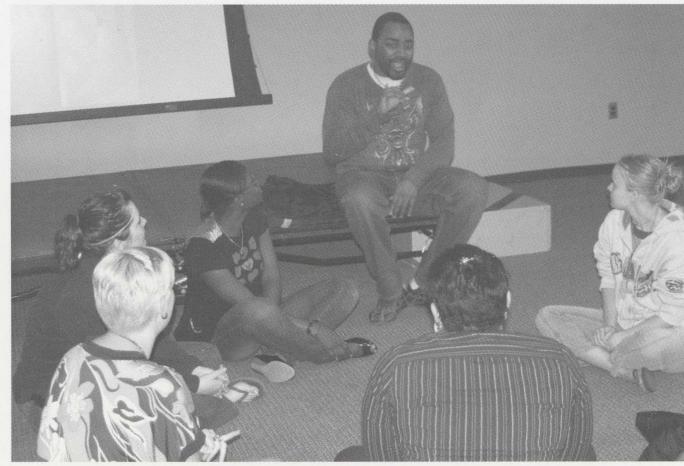


## Gallaudet Fact—

Q. Which of these intramural sports are offered at Gallaudet this spring?

- A. Darts
- B. Wallyball
- C. Innertube water polo
- D. Water ballet
- E. Half court basketball
- F. Midnight Madness basketball
- G. Speed dating

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Graduate student Rian Gayle chats with his breakout group during the workshop "Cross-Cultural Leadership," led by Darian Burwell of the First Year Experience and Student Success. Burwell began the workshop by establishing definitions of culture, cross-cultural, and leadership, then orchestrated group discussions on the challenges and rewards of leading in a multicultural world.

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## A message from President Davila

Dear Campus Community:

Trees are blooming everywhere, making this one of the most beautiful times of the year on our campus. Spirits are high, people are excited, and Commencement 2008 is approaching. Many of our students are preparing to start their professional lives or to further their academic careers.

We should be proud of ourselves for what we have done as a community to shape our graduates' futures. As our students walk across that stage, they are walking in the footsteps of our successful alumni who have gone on to found schools, lead companies, represent their communities in government, conduct groundbreaking research, and much more.

There are positive signs of growth, evolution, and transformation all over campus. I know that our students have evolved over not only the past academic year, but also over the course of their time here at Gallaudet University. I believe that we, as a community of faculty and staff, have also evolved. We have grown closer as a community over the past two years as we collaborated in the pursuit of excellence.

We are an engaged community working to make both this campus and the world a better place. This is evident in the efforts of those who mentor students, do international work, join work groups to focus on campus issues, spread the word about what Gallaudet is doing right, celebrate our diversity by planning and attending multicultural activities, strive to make Gallaudet more green, and go above and beyond what they are required to do.

As another academic year comes to a close, I want to thank you for all you do for Gallaudet University. And thank you for what you do for each other and our students.

Sincerely,

Robert R. Davila  
President

## Charter Day marks 144th anniversary of Gallaudet, 40th year for LCCF



Photo: Chun Louie

Dr. Cynthia Bailes, a professor in the Department of Education, and Abbas Behmanesh were mistress and master of ceremonies at this year's Charter Day celebration.

The 2008 Charter Day luncheon and awards program, held April 5, highlighted the accomplishments and milestones of a group of dynamic leaders at the local, national, and international levels. More than 125 people attended the 39th annual event to honor this year's Gallaudet University Alumni Association (GUAA) and Laurent Clerc Cultural Fund (LCCF) award recipients in the Peikoff Alumni House.

It has been 144 years since President Lincoln signed Gallaudet's Charter in 1864. To celebrate, the Gallaudet community was treated to birthday cake on April 3 in the Marketplace of the Jordan Student Academic Center. Another milestone for 2008 is that the LCCF celebrates its 40th year.

Deaf attorney Helga Stevens of Belgium spoke in Foster Auditorium on April 4 at the seventh annual Charter Day presentation about her work and life as the first deaf member of the Flemish Parliament and senator for her home country. (Her video presentation will soon be posted on the

Gallaudet website.)

President Davila hosted a barbecue in Peikoff Alumni House on April 4 to honor the award recipients. The event gave them an opportunity to meet with Gallaudet administrators, GUAA Board of Directors members, LCCF Committee members, and Alumni Relations staff members. This year, students in "English 396, Technical and Managerial Writing" class, taught by Robert Weinstock, researched, wrote citations, and presented key points on the stage about their assigned award recipients. Many longtime Charter Day luncheon attendees agreed that it was an excellent idea to have students introduce and talk briefly about award honorees' achievements and contributions. During the luncheon program, attendees had an opportunity to learn more about the LCCF's contributions and achievements from a presentation by the mistress and master of ceremonies, Dr. Cynthia Bailes and Abbas Behmanesh.

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## Roving Reporter

Who is your hero or role model, and why?



*My role model and hero is Jesus Christ. He is the greatest teacher of all time for me. He taught by example, encouraged critical thinking, conducted practicum and community service, told stories and parables, and used object lessons, among others. He also made the ultimate sacrifice.*

Rosalinda Ricasa, instructor,  
Department of Applied Literacy



*Mine is my father, from whom I inherited a mental toughness to go with a well-calibrated inner moral compass.*

Ethan Sinnott, assistant professor,  
Department of Theatre Arts



*For many years now, my hero/role model has been the Dalai Lama. A living example of nonviolence, compassion, and true happiness, he is accessible to followers of all belief systems. As one of the greatest people of the 20th century, he offers an inspiring vision of how humanity could realize its highest potential in our lifetime.... And I love the way he laughs.*

Cynthia Compton-Conley,  
professor, Department of Hearing,  
Speech, and Language Sciences



*My high school ASL teacher, Kerry Hile, has definitely been a role model. She was an amazing teacher, and I just hope I engage my students as much as she did. She also was the person who led me to a career that I love!*

Jennifer Drew, teacher/researcher,  
Cochlear Implant Education  
Center

## Charter Day

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Following is a summary of award recipients' achievements and contributions:

**GUAA Outstanding Young Alumnus Award**—Trudy Suggs, '95, owner of T.S. Writing Services, LLC.

**GUAA Pauline "Polly" Peikoff "Service to Others" Award**—Norman Finkelstein, sports coach, organization leader, and writer.

**LCCF Alice Cogswell Award**—Lawrence R. Hott, producer of *Through Deaf Eyes* and Oscar P. Cohen, past chief administrator of Lexington School for the Deaf.

**LCCF Edward Miner Gallaudet Award**

—Helga Stevens, attorney, past senator in the Belgian parliament, and past president of the European Union of the Deaf.

**LCCF Amos Kendall Award**—James R. Macfadden, '62, founder of Macfadden and Associates and JR Mac, Inc.; Gallaudet Board of Trustees member; and president of the National Deaf Business Institute. □



Photo: Chun Louie

Deaf attorney Helga Stevens of Belgium delivers the keynote address at the seventh annual Charter Day presentation.

Author and reporter Joseph Shapiro discusses his award-winning book, *NO PITY: People with Disabilities Forging a New Civil Rights Movement*, during an April 11 visit to the special topics psychology course taught by President Emeritus I. King Jordan. Shapiro, who currently covers disability issues and other topics for National Public Radio, shared perspectives on societal changes since the passage of the Americans with Disabilities Act and political influences on policy.



Photo: Jean Bergey

## Gallaudet Fact—

Answer: The sports offered by Gallaudet's Intramural Program this spring are A. Darts; B. Wallyball; C. Innertube water polo; and G. Midnight Madness basketball. Sorry, water ballet dancers, half court basketball players, and speed daters—looks like you'll have to start your own team.

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Buzz Allen Hamilton representatives James Cotten (left) and Christopher Carlson lead a discussion with students on April 7 about the importance of internships for career development and future employment. The workshop with these off-campus experts from Buzz Allen Hamilton, a leading global technology and strategy consulting firm with almost 20,000 employees worldwide, was the third in a series sponsored by the Career Center. As part of the General Studies Requirement for first-year students, the Career Center offers a new Career Management Certificate program. Students attend three workshops on topics like resume writing, networking, interviewing, and developing their internship plans.

## One Laptop Per Child at Gallaudet

**O**n March 22, Kevin Cole, who works as a research applications programmer for the Gallaudet Research Institute, hosted the monthly meeting of the One Laptop Per Child (OLPC) Learning Club of Washington, D.C. at Gallaudet. The mission of the OLPC Project is to improve education in developing countries through the development of low-cost, low-power, durable laptops and other technologies.

The most visible result of this project to date has been the XO laptop, which became known in the press as the "\$100 Laptop." (The cost is closer to \$188, but it is expected to drop within the year.) The laptop has several innovative features, including a technology known as a "mesh network" which enables XO laptops to communicate with each other in the absence of the Internet, allowing students to share games, writing activities, video from the built-in webcam, and more. It comes with Linux, Python, and other Open Source Software (OSS) in lieu of Microsoft Windows, allowing applications to be developed by children themselves and released to the community without proprietary licensing restrictions. The goal is to allow children to learn independently and from each other outside of the classroom setting, as well as within it.

Although the project is centered at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology,

and initially there were no plans to distribute the laptops in developed nations, there has been unexpected interest and demand from within the United States. It was recently announced that the project is planning to open an office in the D.C. metropolitan area called "OLPC America," focusing on children in this country. Several volunteers and hobbyists, as well as professionals, are actively developing software for the XO.

The OLPC Learning Club of D.C. was organized last year by American Association of Retired Persons employee Mike Lee. Each gathering features a presentation as well as an opportunity for children, parents, educators, and other interested parties to explore the capabilities of the XO laptop. The March 22 gathering featured a presentation by Richard Bullington-McGuire and his 7-year-old son, Patrick, on "Scratch," which is an animation tool aimed at enabling young people to create games and other things using drag'n'drop icons to build scripts.

Cole would like to acknowledge and thank Academic Technology, Information Technology Services, and the Regional, National, and International Outreach unit for their support.

The group will meet again at Gallaudet on Saturday, May 24 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in JSAC, Flex A/B. □

## Johnson Foundation makes largest contribution to date

**S**ince 1992, the Theodore R. and Vivian M. Johnson Foundation has supported Gallaudet students with contributions totaling \$5.3 million. This year, the foundation contributed \$525,000—its largest sum ever—to support its four scholarships covering tuition, room, board, and/or expenses for internships for deserving students with financial needs.

The recent gift will allow Gallaudet to award more scholarships in the coming years, said Associate Director of Corporate and Foundation Relations Doris Parent.

The Office of Financial Aid identifies qualified students for the Johnson Presidential Scholarship, the Johnson Scholars Fund, and the Johnson Contingency Fund. These funds typically support about 40 students each academic year, awarding between \$64 and \$4,000 per student.

The Career Center awards stipends from the Johnson Experiential Programs Off Campus Fund for internship work. Students receiving aid from that fund took on internships at the 16th Winter Deaflympics in Salt Lake City, Utah; the Ability Foundation in Chennai, India; Deaf West Theatre in North Hollywood, Calif.; and the World Federation for the Deaf in Helsinki, Finland, among others. □



Anjali Desai-Margolin, internship consultant for the Career Center, pictured with her co-workers, is awarded a plaque by Stefan Koppi, Career Center director, for 15 years of service to the University.

President Davila served as the featured speaker at the April 7 Scholars Dinner, recognizing students who earned outstanding cumulative grade point averages during either the spring 2007 or the fall 2007 semesters. In total, 288 undergraduate and 157 graduate students were honored. Davila urged the scholars to share their appreciation for the support they've received along the way to their success by helping other people who have not had the same opportunities. In the future, he said, "Focus on yourselves and your families, but save a little bit of yourselves for other people who need help."



## Among Ourselves

Dr. Sen Qi, a research scientist with the Gallaudet Research Institute, was accompanied by three Chinese Gallaudet students to the Chinese American Educational Research and Development Association annual conference, held March 23 in New York City. Qi, who chaired the symposium session, reported that students—Jiayi Zhou, Yiqiao Wang, and Wei Wang—talked about their multilingual and multicultural experiences at Gallaudet. She added that their presentations were well received by the audience members, who were from the United States, Canada, China, Hong Kong, and Taiwan.

## Campus Calendar

### April

**25**—Undergraduate Open House, all day; Diversity Action Plan-individual or group interview, 9 a.m.-noon, by appointment; UnityFest, 11 a.m.-5 p.m., Gallaudet Mall

**26-29**—National Academic Bowl, GUKCH

**28**—Regular University Faculty Meeting, 4-6:30 p.m., JSAC 1011

### May

**2**—Conference: Signed Language Interpreting Research and Practice, 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m., GUKCH

**5**—Faculty Senate meeting, 3:30-6:30 p.m., GUKCH Board Room; Spring semester classes end; PFLAG monthly meeting, 7:30-9 p.m.

**7-10**—Final exams

**12**—Grades due from faculty by noon

**15**—Graduate Awards and Hooding ceremonies, 4 p.m., Elstad Auditorium

**15-16**—Board of Trustees meeting

**16**—Commencement, 1:30 p.m., Field House

## Ask Cousin Sally

Dear Cousin Sally,

I really enjoy your column. You seem to have the answer for everything! I've got a hard one for you. Generally at about 3 p.m. every day I see a large helicopter fly over Gallaudet. It looks like it might be military. It doesn't look like a presidential helicopter or a traffic reporter. What is it? Isn't there restricted fly space over D.C.? Does that apply to helicopters? Can you tell me who's up there in those helicopters?

Just Wondering

Wondering,

For an answer to your question, I checked with Robert Wilson, the communications guy for the Department of Public Safety, and the Federal Aviation Administration (also known as the FAA). Mr. Wilson tipped me off to the fact that

the no-fly zone (the official name is the Flight Restriction Zone or FRZ) applies only to certain aircraft. The rules state that law enforcement, the U.S. Military, and other federal agencies can all take to the skies over D.C. (and Gallaudet) as long as they have permission from the FAA. Even foreign operated military and state aircraft can get special clearance to fly.

But I would bet a gallon of my mother's best buttermilk that the explanation is much simpler than all that: I say word is getting out about our emerald lawns and pink-blossomed trees, and everyone's clamoring for a peek!

Send Cousin Sally, OTG's resident retired dairy farmer and advice columnist, your questions at [cousin.sally@gallaudet.edu](mailto:cousin.sally@gallaudet.edu).

## Clerc Center Happenings

### Reserve now for Summer Institute Workshops

By Susan M. Flanigan

**S**ummer is just around the corner, and the Clerc Center has lined up a great selection of workshops and trainings for its dynamic Summer Institute to meet professional development needs of educators and professionals working with deaf and hard of hearing students.

Between June 23 and July 18, 13 different trainings will be led by presenters who will share innovative approaches and techniques that participants can apply to their classrooms, schools, or programs. "Our presenters come from the Clerc Center, Gallaudet, and outside agencies,"

said Patricia Dabney, training specialist and Summer Institute coordinator. "As with past Summer Institutes, we expect that this year's participants will find our trainings fun, informative, and presented by experienced and talented trainers in a relaxed atmosphere perfect for summertime."

As an added bonus, many of the trainings offer Professional Studies and Training (PST) credits from Gallaudet. Registration is now open.

For more information about individual workshops, presenters, and registration information, visit: [clerccenter.gallaudet.edu/TPD/summerinstitute.asp](http://clerccenter.gallaudet.edu/TPD/summerinstitute.asp). □

## 2008 Summer Institute

### Workshops and Trainings

#### Social and Emotional Development

- Sandtray Play Therapy Techniques
- Play Therapy Techniques
- Sexuality Education: An Emotionally Intelligent Way of Teaching Human Sexuality

#### Literacy

- Literacy: It All Connects
- Sharing Books Using ASL and Deaf Cultural Literacy Practices: Preschool-Grade 8
- Reading to Deaf Children
- Read It Again and Again

#### Transition

- Portfolios for Student Growth: Linking Academics and Self Awareness for Life-Long Learning

#### Visual Phonics and Cochlear Implants

- See the Sound: Visual Phonics
- Spoken Language and Sign: Optimizing Learning with Children with Cochlear Implants

#### Science and Technology

- Integrated Global Sciences: GLOBE Seasons and Biomes Project and Faults in the Earth System
- TecEds Digital Storytelling
- Lego Robotics Teacher Training



Gerald "Bummy" Burstein, a member of the Class of 1950, leads the April 7 workshop "Everything you wanted to learn about parliamentary procedures...Now you can ask!" The event was an open forum for students to query Burstein, who is one of the only deaf people in the country to hold the distinction of being a certified parliamentarian. Also that day, Burstein made a presentation entitled "Make a difference TODAY!" He shared tales from when he was a student at Gallaudet and how he has watched the campus grow through the years. An active supporter of the University as a GUAA board member for 30 years and as a benefactor, Burstein has been involved in many other organizations as well. He explained how the wisdom he has acquired could be used by today's campus leaders and deaf organizations.



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This vintage image of students at Ohio's St. Rita School for the Deaf signing "The Star Spangled Banner" is used in *Through Deaf Eyes*.

## 'Through Deaf Eyes' garners more awards

**T**his spring, the documentary film *Through Deaf Eyes* won its fourth and fifth awards—the Erik Barnouw Award on March 29 in New York City and the Laurent Clerc Cultural Fund's Alice Cogswell Award during the April 5 Charter Day Awards Ceremony at Gallaudet.

The Organization of American Historians gives the Barnouw Award annually for outstanding reporting or programming on network or cable tele-

sion or in a documentary film concerned with American history, the study of American history, and/or the promotion of history. Executive Producer Karen Kenton accepted the award on behalf of the production team.

The annual Cogswell Award goes to an individual who has given valuable service on behalf of deaf people. It went to Producer Lawrence Hott and was accepted by Curator Jack Gannon. □

## Monitoring purchase cards

(Note: The following is a memo to University purchase card holders from Vice President Paul Kelly.)

We are halfway through FY 2008, and I thought it would be helpful to remind everyone of their responsibilities concerning University purchase cards. Purchase cards certainly streamline the accounting process and make life a lot easier, but they also require monitoring to ascertain that they are being used properly.

As part of the University's audit process, the Finance Office will be doing periodic checks on charges to purchase cards. If you are contacted by the Finance Office for any details regarding a charge, please furnish the information requested and know that this type of monitoring is needed and enhances the financial stability of the University.

Below are the policies and guidelines that are in place regarding purchase cards.

- 1) Per section 2.06 of the *Administration & Operations Manual*, the purchase card is a means of purchasing authorized equipment, supplies, and services necessary for the daily business operations of the department. The card CANNOT be used for personal purchases. All cardholders are required to sign an agreement which describes the responsibilities associated with the use of the card. It may not be used to purchase alcoholic beverages, individual gifts of a personal nature (e.g., flowers or candy), catering services, housing or personal living expenses, or be used for any reason that is not directly associated to the cardholder's professional relationship with the University.  
**FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH THE CARDHOLDERS' AGREEMENT MAY RESULT IN THE CANCELLATION OF THE PURCHASING CARD AND DISCIPLINARY ACTION UP TO AND INCLUDING TERMINATION OF EMPLOYMENT.**
- 2) All cardholders are required to maintain accurate records and receipts of ALL transactions as proof of the purchase. Receipts must be attached to the corresponding statement received from JP Morgan Chase. Unit administrators are responsible for assuring that the goods and/or services were received, and for authorizing that the appropriate documentation was provided.
- 3) Random audits will be conducted by the Finance Office every month. If you are chosen to be audited, you must provide the receipt corresponding to the purchase.
- 4) Upon leaving the University, the cardholder must surrender the purchase card to the unit administrator, and it must be returned to the Contracts and Purchasing Department immediately.

Should you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Maxine Harewood, manager, Contracts and Purchasing, at x5533, or email [maxine.harewood@gallaudet.edu](mailto:maxine.harewood@gallaudet.edu).

Thank you.